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CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

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1. REFTEL INSTRUCTED EMBASSY COLOMBO TO TAKE INFORMAL
SOUNDINGS WITH COLOMBO PLAN MEMBERS REGARDING OUR DESIRE TO
SEEK AGREEMENT AT THE WASHINGTON MEETING TO HOLD THE 28TH
CPCC MEETING IN 1980 RATHER THAN 1979. THE UK IS EXPLORING
POSSIBILITY OF HOSTING THE 28TH SESSION, AS PART OF A 30TH
YEAR COMMEMORATIVE MEETING OF THE CP IN 1980.

2. INDONESIAN OFFICIALS INFORMED US AND THE CP BUREAU AT
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THE LAST CPCC IN KATHAMANDU OF THEIR POSSIBLE INTEREST IN
HOSTING THE 28TH CPCC IN INDONESIA IN 1979. WE UNDER-
STAND THAT THE CP BUREAU HAS ASKED THE INDONESIAN EMBASSY
AT COLOMBO ON SEVERAL OCCASSIONS WHETHER THE GOI CONTINUES
TO BE INTERESTED IN HOSTING THE 28TH CPCC. SO FAR, THE
BUREAU HAS RECEIVED NO REPLY.

3. IN VIEW OF THE ABOVE US INITIATIVE AND THE POSSIBLE UK
OFFER TO HOST THE 28TH MEETING, EMBASSY SHOULD MAKE A LOW-
KEY APPROACH TO THE GOI TO ASCERTAIN ITS INTENTIONS. WE
DO NOT WANT TO ENCOURAGE THE GOI TO OFFER TO HOST A 1979
MEETING. ON THE OTHER HAND, WE WANT TO INFORM THE INDON-
ESIANS OF OUR PLANS BEFORE MAKING A FORMAL PROPOSAL. CHRISTOPHER

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